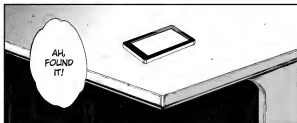


Witch of the Old World

AFTERNOON FOUR SEASONS
SUMMER 2014 AWARD WINNER



IT'S NOT
LIKE IT
COULD'VE
JUMPED TO
THE TABLE
ON ITS
OWN.

アフタヌーン四季賞
2014年 夏のコンテスト

四季大賞
受賞作品

旧世界の魔女

「迷いなく読み進められる気持ちはよき、そして面白さ」
今回この作品に面会えてよかった三浦氏は高橋アトム氏

ふたりの世界は、ふたつの世界。

中野のりこ4ノベルズ

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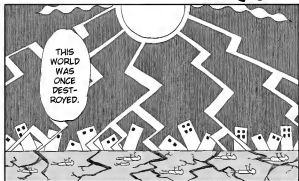
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THERE'S
NOTHING
TO BE
AFRAID
OF!



SCA-
AAA-
ARY!

HE
TALKED
IN WEIRD
WORDS
TOO.

THE
GUY THEY
CHOPPED
THE HEAD
OFF OF?

I'VE
SEEN
ONE!
HE HAD
WEIRD
CLOTHES
AND...



AS
LONG
AS WE
PUNISH
THEM,
WE WILL
ALL BE
SAFE.

WE JUST
HAVE TO
FOLLOW
THE LORD'S
TEACHINGS
AND REFUSE
THE EVIL
THINGS THE
MAGES
BRING.



MAGES
ARE
DEVILS,
FULL
OF SIN.



PEOPLE
WHO
HELP
MAGES,

OR DON'T
TURN THEM IN,
ARE
EVIL TOO.

IF WE DON'T
JUDGE THE
MAGES,
THE WORLD
COULD BE
DESTROYED
AGAIN.





THOUGH
DEATH
MIGHT
HAVE
BEEN...



WHERE
AM
I?

WHY?



WHH...



... A
KINDER
FATE.



THAT'S
A REAL
ONE!

HOLY
CRAP, A
SWORD?

MY HEAD
IS STILL
FUZZY...

AWW
MAN, DID
I PASS
OUT AFTER
AN ALL-
NIGHTER
AGAIN?





WHAT LANGUAGE ARE YOU SPEAKING..?













NO.

SUCH
THINGS
MUST BE
HANDED
OVER TO
THE
CHURCH.

HEYYY!
GIVE
THAT
BACK!



MY OWN
FATHER
WAS A
MAGE. HE
WAS
SPARED
DUE TO...

...TAKING
UP THE
ROLE OF
TOWN
HEADS-
MAN.



...I
CAN SYM-
PATIZE
WITH
YOU.



... AHH,
WHAT
IS ALL
THIS?

I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
ANYTHING.



GOOD GRIEF.



SHE FELL ASLEEP?



I ALWAYS SPOKE WITH HIM IN THIS LANGUAGE WE'RE USING NOW. HE TOLD ME THAT-













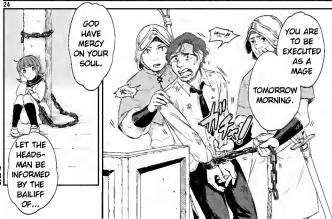
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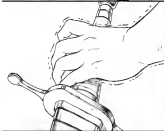






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ARE
YOU
AF-
RAID?



TIME
FOR AN
EXECU-
TION?



CAN'T
YOU
REFUSE?
QUIT?



THEN
WHY
DO
IT?



...NO. THIS
IS THE
ONLY WAY
I CAN
SURVIVE.



OF
COURSE
I AM.

IT'S
NOT
SOME-
THING
YOU CAN
GET
USED
TO.





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I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON OR WHY I'M BEING KILLED!

PLEASE, TELL THEM I'M INNOCENT!



YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME?! PLEASE, HELP ME, I BEG YOU!



ENGLISH? MY GOD!



WHAT DID YOU TELL HIM, HEADS-MAN?

HOLD HIM DOWN!

AT LEAST SPEAK TO ME!



DIDN'T YOU FALL INTO THIS, THIS MAD OTHER WORLD?

AREN'T YOU THE SAME AS ME?



HOW CAN YOU KILL SOMEONE WHO CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE CHARGES?

I DIDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM!

TAKE
HIS
HEAD
NOW!

PLEASE,
PLEASE
DON'T
LET ME
DIE!

WHAT
ARE
YOU
WAITING
FOR?!

I
DON'T
WANT
TO
DIE!

PLEASE!
SAVE
ME!





WELCOME
BACK,
YORKA.



THE
CELL
IS NOW
FREE.

YOU
WILL
AWAIT
YOUR
TURN
THERE.

STAND.



THESE CHAINS ARE
REALLY EXCESSIVE,
YOU KNOW. JUST
TYING MY HANDS
WOULD HAVE BEEN
ENOUGH.





ZZZ

WOAH!

SYNC-
ING
WITH
CLOUD...

TODAY IS
FRIDAY,
NOV. 21st.
4223
AD.



AH, YES, I
STILL NEED
TO HAND
THIS OVER
TO THE
CHURCH...



YOU
HAVE
104
MES-
SAG-
ES.

You have
new message

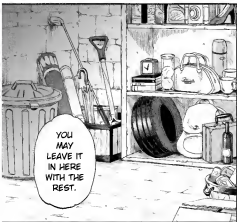
FIRST
MESS-
AGE...



GPS
SYNC
COM-
PLETE.









NOW,
WHERE
OUGHT
I PUT...?



SO MANY
HERETICAL
ITEMS
COLLECTED
OVER THE
YEARS...

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BUT I
NEVER
RECALL
SEEING
IT...

MY
FATHER'S
NAME!
THIS
WAS
HIS?



WAHL...
WALTER?

WALTER
BRIERLY?

Walter
Brierly

While marching in Gallipoli, I found myself in a curious town.



12th
August,
1915.

My name is Walter Brierly. I'm a British soldier in the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

They menaced me with spears, showing my signs that I must...

... act as executioner for them - for I think they fear to kill foreigners with their own hands.



They spoke neither English nor Turkish.



of posterity, if a lost soldier may hope for so much.

I shall keep a diary in this book for the sake



I am cut off from all support, unsure of how to return...

and looked as though they had come out of the Middle Ages.

2nd
February
1916
(by my
calendar)

Having
learnt to
speak some
of its lan-
guage, I
believe this
to be some
other world.

Those who
are lost
here, as I
am, they
regard as
wizards.
I am made
to... to...

...I find
I cannot
bring
myself
to write
of the
work I
do.

17th
May,
1920

At last,
a mage
arrived
who
spoke
English!

He had
heard of my
regiment,
which he
said had
disappeared
during the
war.

What
to
make
of
it...?

30th
May,
1920

I find
myself
thinking
of the
Mary
Celeste.

and other
unexplained
vanishings.
Perhaps they
also crossed
into this
world?

I regret
not
being
able to
speak at
length
with that
wizard.

He is
dead
now,
by my
hand.



*I found
a child
alone in
the woods.*



*3rd...
no,
I have
lost
count.*

*The
year
hardly
matters.*



*He
carried
only a
strange
photo-
graph.*

*I have
not yet
shown it
to him,
for I
fear it
would
pain
him.*



*He is
blissfully
unaware
of what
has
befallen
him.*

*A "mage,"
a child
from
my
world.*



I shall raise this child as my own, but when he is a man, I will tell him:



It bears what I take to be a date, and...



You have a home to which you may return,

if you can but find a way.



*If ever
you read
this, my
foster son,
God speed
you.*









GOOD.
HERE'S
THIS.

AH!
MY
PHONE!



YOU
KNOW
OF THAT
PLACE?

NEW
YORK...
AND THIS
IS YOU?

YES.
I MEAN,
I'VE
NEVER
BEEN
THERE,
BUT...

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WHAT?

ER,
FROM
MY
VIEW-
POINT,
THAT
IS.

THIS
ISN'T
FROM
ANOTHER
WORLD;
IT'S THE
FUTURE.



OH...
I WAS
RIGHT.

THIS
IS
EARTH.





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...













MAGES
ARE
DEVILS,
FULL
OF
SIN!

I'VE
WRESTLED
WITH DOUBT,
BUT THIS
PROVES THE
SCRIPTURES
TRUE...



AFTER
YOU'VE HAD
SO MANY
HELPLESS
PEOPLE
KILLED...

YOU
DARE
CALL
US
THAT?



YOU
ARE
THE
DEVILS!



DAMNED
SON OF
A DAMNED
MAGE!

IS THIS
HOW YOU
REPAY
US FOR
SPARING
YOUR
LIFE?

HERESY!



... WHERE
DID IT...

THE
ONE
SHE
WAS...
USING
TO...



SOME-
ONE
FETCH
THAT
ITEM!

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I AM
THE SON
OF A
MAGE.
NATURALLY,
THAT
MEANS...

YOU'RE
RIGHT.



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SO
THE
SATEL-
LITE...



DID
DESTROY
THE...
BUT
WHY?

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TERRIBLY
WRONG.

SOMETHING
MUST HAVE
GONE
WRONG.

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I KIND OF
HELPED
DESIGN
IT.

I...
LM...

EHH?!



IT WAS
MEANT TO
PROMOTE
PEACE.

SO WHY
WOULD
IT...?

WHY
SHOULD
YOU
CARE?



IS...
THAT
SO?

AND LATER,
I TOOK A
POSITION
ON THE
SATELLITE
PROJECT.

I GOT A
PH.D. IN
ASTRO-
ENGINEERING
WHEN I
WAS 10.



AND
FIGURE
OUT
WHAT'S
GOING
ON.

I HAVE
TO GET
BACK UP
THERE
SOMEHOW.





勇氣と知恵を歩みだせ! 目の前の世界が、ふたりの糧源を待っている

旧世界の魔女

ご意見やご感想をぜひアンケートハガキで
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